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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

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### *Current quarantine measures.*

[From the Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes, Berlin, February 27, 1907.]

**STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.**—January 22. The port of Bangkok declared infected with plague and cholera.

**BRITISH EAST INDIES.**—January 25. Quarantine measures ordered at the port of Orissa against arrivals from Djeddah.

### AUSTRALIA.

#### *Plague at Brisbane—Examination of rodents for plague infection.*

The following information is taken from plague bulletins issued by the department of health of Australia, and forwarded by Consul-General Bray at Melbourne:

### PLAGUE

**QUEENSLAND—Brisbane.**—Week ended January 19, 1907. Plague cases admitted to hospital, 8; 1 plague death. The cases are numbered in sequence from the recurrence of plague November 24, 1906. Case No. 2. January 11. Form, bubonic. The premises were in good order; no rat infestation. The patient had frequented the wharves in search of work. Case No. 3. Assistant in a dairy. Premises particularly clean, but patient had handled chaff and feed from a produce store in which 4 plague-infected rats were found December 20 and 23. The case occurred January 15 and ended fatally January 18. Cases 4 to 7 came from one locality, the patients having resided in close vicinity to each other. They were in constant association up to the time of being attacked. Two cases are under observation. The rat destruction force has been increased and the infected area is being thoroughly cleaned.

In cases 4 to 7 smear preparations from material obtained from the glands showed *B. pestis*. No glandular swellings having developed in cases 8 and 9, these patients are held under observation as suspect cases. Case No. 8 belongs to the group of cases 4 to 7.

Number of rodents destroyed during the week, 467; examined, 313; found infected, 1.

**NEW SOUTH WALES—Sydney.**—Week ended January 19, 1907. Number of rodents destroyed, 842; examined, 842; found infected, 3.